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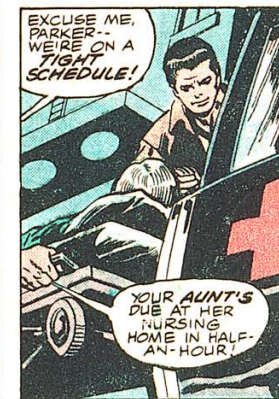
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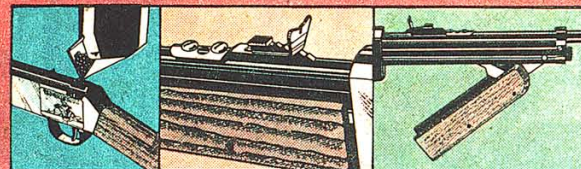
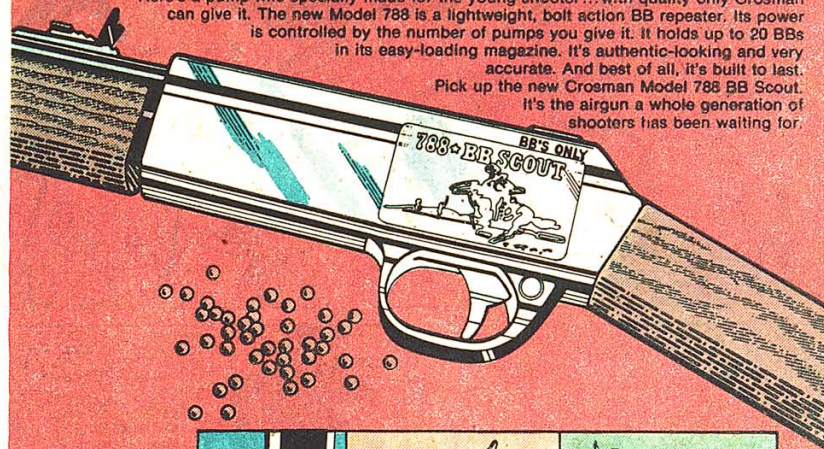


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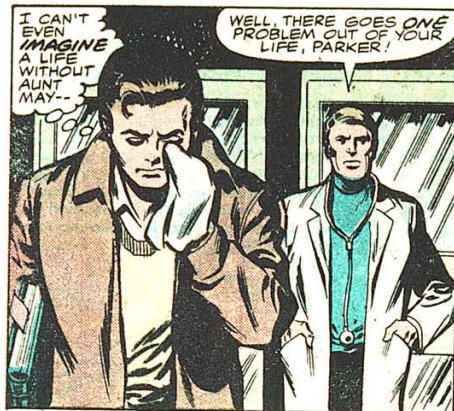
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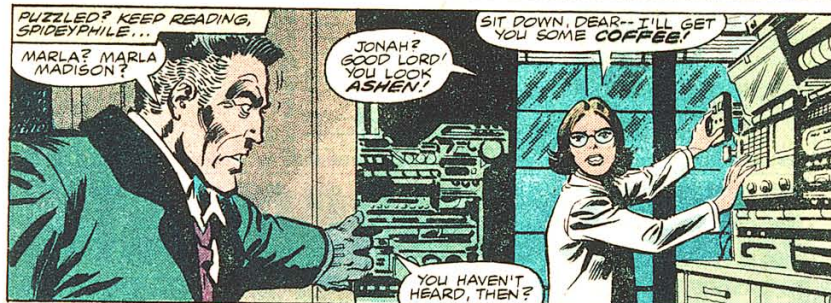
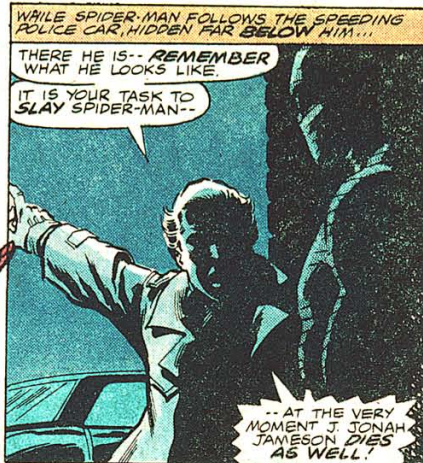
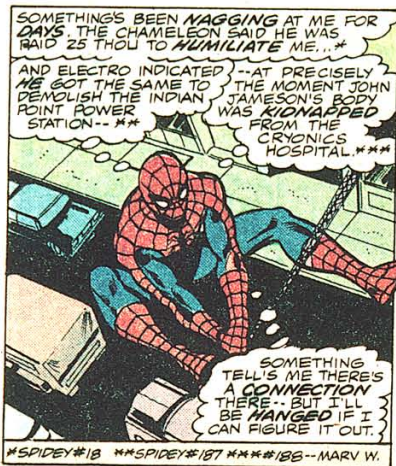
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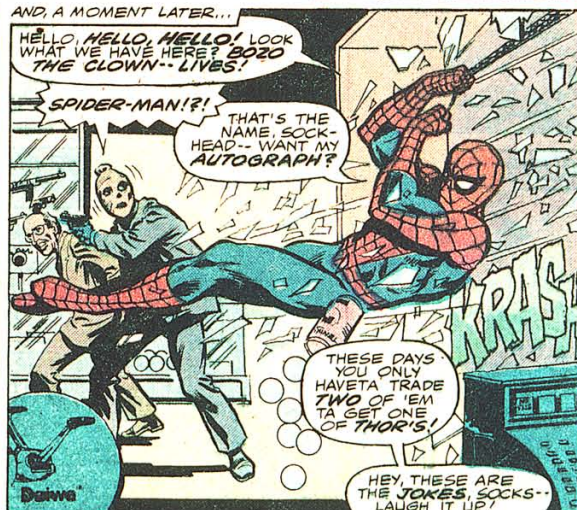
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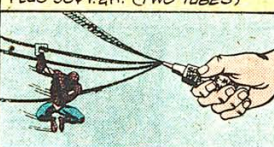
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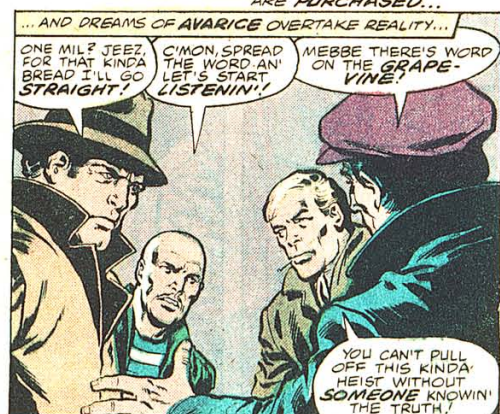
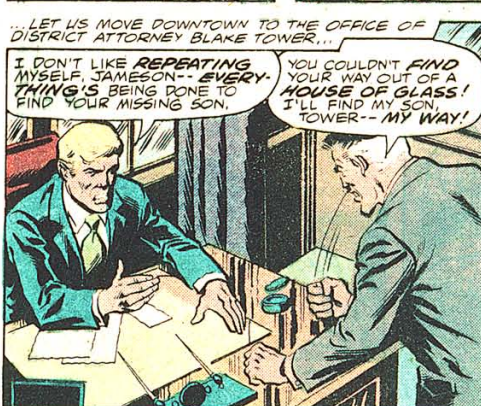
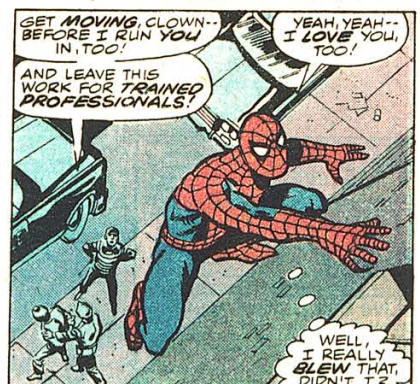
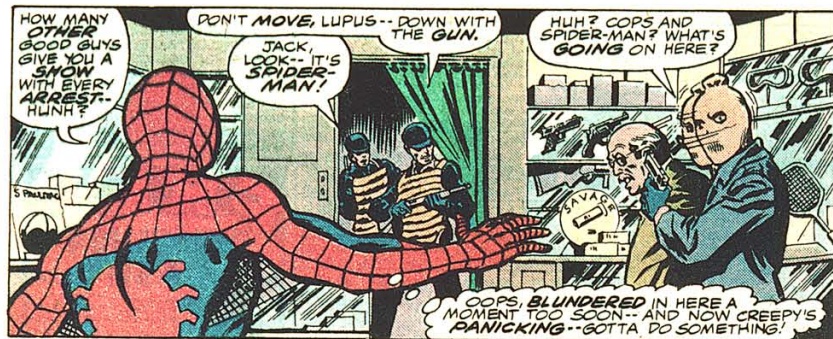
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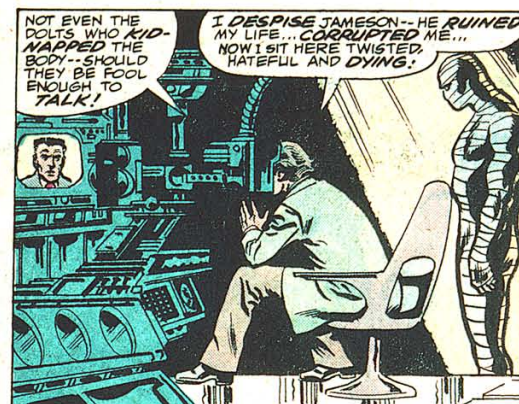




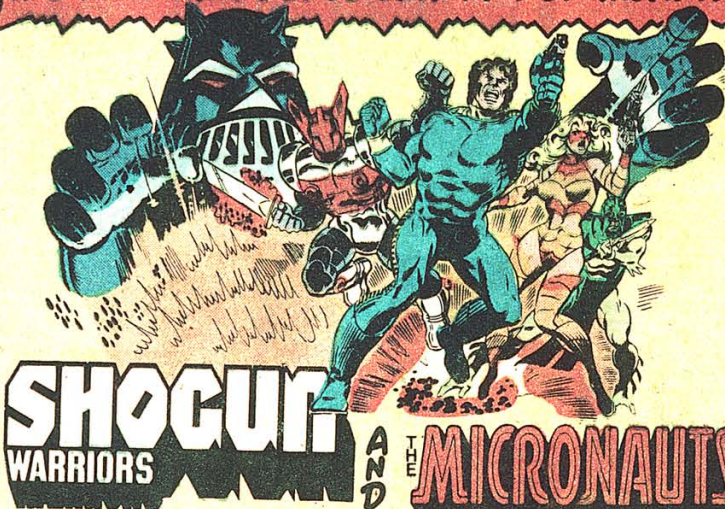
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SPECIAL NOTE: A goodly number of you faithful Marvel minions have been taking us to task for missing letters pages with greater frequency of late. Believe us, we are as dismayed about it as you are--especially since in 96% of the cases, a letters page has been assembled, typeset, and pasted up for the issue in which it made its non-appearance. You see, due to a shift in printing schedules, our printers have been getting the books on the presses without waiting for the letters pages. Well, we've straightened out that problem at last, and until some new problem comes along, you can look forward to regular page-loads of your priceless praise and pans. Keep writing, friends!

The near-graduation of Peter Parker in SPIDER-MAN #185 unleashed an avalanche of mail upon 575 Mad Av. as Marveldom Assembled let Spider-Writer Mary Wolfman know what they thought of his meticulous machinations. Although the final tally is not yet in, it seems as if the mail is running half and half--half of you thought that his missing graduation by one credit was a fitting addition to the arachnid annals, half of you felt that we pulled another fast one to keep Mrs. Parker's boy in ivy sweaters for another ten years or so. (For those who felt the latter: come now, if it took him thirteen years over time to accrue the 120 or so credits to get a degree, how long do you think it'll take to make up one credit, huh?)

Before we get to your capricious comments, we'd like to acknowledge all of the alphabet aficionados, who noticed the slight mix-up in the alphabetization of graduate's names as read by the speaker at the ceremony. It must be admitted that neither Marvelous Marv nor his crack proofreader Mark Gruenwald caught the error. So a nit-picker's no-prize goes to: Mark Capella of Liverpool, NY; John Kelly of Levittown, NY; Bryan Kwong of Sacramento, CA; John Leon of Sacramento, CA; Jimmy Moore of Tampa, FL; Mike Oestreicher of Flagstaff, AZ; and John Yu of Sacramento, CA. (Say, you fellow Sacramento-ites wouldn't have learned your alphabet at the same school, would you?) However...since not one of your no-prizefighters caught that the first names of the roster of graduates corresponded to those of every writer and artist who worked regularly on SPIDER-MAN from Stan Lee and Steve Ditko to Marv and Keith Pollard, we're afraid we'll have to recall those no-prizes before we put them in the no-mail. Better luck next time, folks.

And now, enough of this yellow box--let's hear what you have to say...

Dear Marv,

Being a member of the high school class of '78, I bought SPIDER-MAN #185 so I could show people that I graduated the same year as Peter Parker. When I read the ish and found out he didn't graduate, I thought you were going to pull some really stupid excuse such as "Well, you missed too many classes, you can't graduate this year." Instead, you made a beautiful move. Missing the diploma by one lousy gym credit was the greatest excuse you could have pulled. The old Parker luck strikes again, thank you.

Joel D. Cochran
7 Partridge Rd.
Lexington, MA 02173

Dear Spider-Man People,

You really did it this time. Here you are, screaming on the cover: "The most demanded story of them all (untrue)--Peter Parker's Graduation!" I think to myself: "Have they really done it? This is fabulous! I've got to get this one!" Well you got your lousy 35 cents, but I didn't get his graduation. You had the audacity to make him miss it by one credit! Now that's indecent! If Parker had forgotten to take a phys ed course, he probably would have forgotten to sign up for graduation. What was the purpose of making him miss his credit requirements anyway? To keep him "offbeat"? Missing graduation is not offbeat--it's the usual style of writing you do. "Peter Parker, Born Loser." Nobody is that unlucky.

John Ferro
7 West 81st St.
New York, NY 10024

Would it have helped if we had written on the cover "Peter Parker's Graduation Ceremony"? After all, having been through it all once, ol' Pete is hardly apt to go through the whole rigamarole after making up his one credit at summer school.

Dear Marvel,

I figured you had something up your collective sleeves when they didn't have a cap and gown for Peter at graduation practice in SPIDER-MAN #184. Letting him graduate with his class would have been too simple. What you had happen seems to be true-to-form for poor Peter.

Mark Capella
Liverpool, NY 13088

Dear Marvel,

I think that it was a cheap trick not letting Peter graduate in SPIDER-MAN #185. If you didn't want him to get through college, you could have thought of a better reason than missing gym class. Everyone knows that physical education is not required in college.

Bob Steib
Pewaukee, WI

It was when this letters-page answerer was matriculating, Bob, not that many years ago.

Dear Marv,

Congratulations on coming up with a way to make Parker's college graduation different from his high school graduation way back in SPIDER-MAN #28 (oh, does that make me feel old to admit I've been around since then). What with our wondrous web-spinner active in two other magazines besides this, it is no wonder he wasn't able to zip through college as quickly as he did through high school. Now let's hope that graduate school is as eventful as Parker's undergrad days.

Dave Curtice
Rochester, NY 14617

Dear Marvel,

Upon closing SPIDER-MAN #185, my first reaction was: "After a hundred and fifty issues, this is Peter Parker's graduation?" He got no diploma, no degree, nothing but the shaft. Aunt May, who was watching the whole thing on TV, probably had another heart attack and died right there. Really, this six-page snoozer culminated with the most annoying trick ending in recent memory. It failed to deliver the goods when it counted most, and for that, the judgment of history will be quite severe...that is, if the issue isn't forgotten in two weeks.

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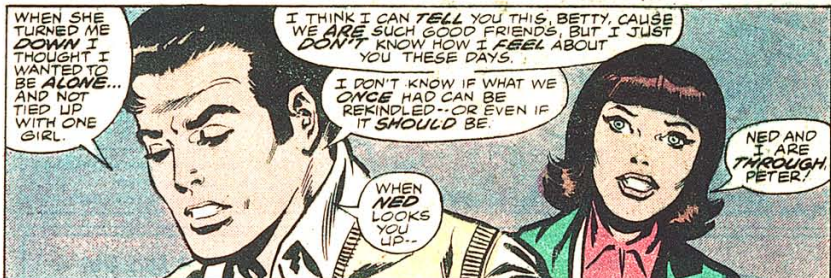
PETER?
OH, HI BETTY! C'MON IN. HAVE YOUR BREAKFAST YET?

I'M ON A DIET, PETER. CAN WE TALK--? ABOUT US?

OBOY, WHAT THE OTHER DAY YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T SURE IF STARTING OUR RELATIONSHIP OVER AGAIN WAS A GOOD IDEA.



BETTY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WANT. I THOUGHT I WANTED TO MARRY MARY JANE.



WHEN SHE TURNED ME DOWN, I THOUGHT I WANTED TO BE ALONE... AND NOT TIED UP WITH ONE GIRL.

I THINK I CAN TELL YOU THIS, BETTY, CAUSE WE ARE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS, BUT I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU THESE DAYS.

I DON'T KNOW IF WHAT WE ONCE HAD CAN BE REKINDLED--OR EVEN IF IT SHOULD BE.

WHEN NED LOOKS YOU UP--

NED AND I ARE THROUGH, PETER!



AND IF THIS DOESN'T CONVINCE YOU HOW MUCH I CARE FOR YOU, I'LL LEAVE YOUR LIFE--FOREVER!
WE WERE CLOSE BECAUSE WE LOVED EACH OTHER. WE STILL CAN.



PLEASE, I-- UHHH... BETTY!



SHUT UP, DARLING! JUST KISS ME!

I... UHH...

MMMMMMMMMMMMMM!!

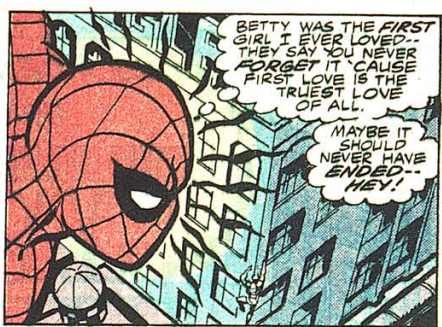
THEY SAY DISCRETION IS THE BETTER PART OF VALOR. SO LET'S LEAVE OUR TWO-SOME AND PICK UP ON A SOMEWHAT AGITATED SPIDER-MAN SEVERAL HOURS LATER...



SO MAYBE I DO LOVE HER... WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?

SHE IS SEPARATED, AND SHE SAYS SHE'S FILING FOR DIVORCE. AND HECK--

--AFTER EVERYTHING BAD THAT'S COME DOWN THE PIKE, I DESERVE A GOOD BREAK NOW AND THEN.



BETTY WAS THE FIRST GIRL I EVER LOVED-- THE SAY YOU NEVER FORGET IT 'CAUSE FIRST LOVE IS THE TRUEST LOVE OF ALL.

MAYBE IT SHOULD NEVER HAVE ENDED-- HEY!!



SOME JOKER'S STEALING MY WALL-- CRAWLING COPYRIGHT!

THWIP!

ALL-RIGHT, WEB-HEAD. LET'S SEE WHAT'S UP!

AS SPIDER-MAN MAKES HIS WAY TOWARD THE BUGLE BUILDING...



SKASH!

WHO IN BLAZES?

GOOD HEAVENS! WHO ARE YOU?

SPEAK UP, MAN-- WHAT DO YOU-- WAIT!



WH--WHY ARE YOU GRABBING ME?



MEBBE HE'S LOOKING FOR YOUR AUTOGRAPH, SMILEY...

YOU DO KNOW HOW TO WRITE, DON'TCHA?

YOU?!!? WHAT IN BLAZES ARE YOU HERE FOR?

TAKE IT EASY, FORK-FACE. I JUST WANNA--



SPOK

--RESCUE YOU--?

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ISN'T ONE OF
MY BIGGER
FANS.

THWIP!
PROBABLY
JUST
AS
WELL.

I WAS NEVER
VERY FOND OF THE
CREATURE-FEATURE
SET MYSELF.



WELL--

--HERE
GOES--

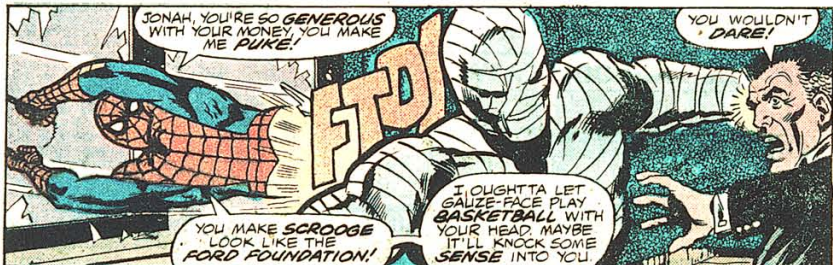
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AS SPIDEY SPINS TO SAFETY, J. JONAH
JAMESON'S OFFICE IS TURNED INTO A
BATTLEGROUND.

WHAT DO YOU
WANT FROM ME? MONEY? I'LL
GIVE YOU ANYTHING! ONE
HUNDRED? HOW ABOUT TWO?

GOOD HEAVENS,
MAN, WHAT DO
YOU WANT?



JONAH, YOU'RE SO GENEROUS
WITH YOUR MONEY, YOU MAKE
ME PUKE!

YOU WOULDN'T
DARE!

YOU MAKE SCROOGE
LOOK LIKE THE
FORD FOUNDATION!

I OUGHTTA LET
GALZE-FACE PLAY
BASKETBALL WITH
YOUR HEAD, MAYBE
IT'LL KNOCK SOME
SENSE INTO YOU



COME OFF IT,
WINDBAG! AFTER
WHAT YOU'VE
SAID ABOUT ME,
I SHOULD START
MAKING SIDE-
BETS ON HOW
MANY SEC-
ONDS YOU'VE
GOT LEFT!

HEY! YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO
FALL DOWN!
HAVEN'T YOU
READ THE
SCRIPT?!!

YOU HEAR THAT?
JAMESON MUST
BE CHEWING
OUT ANOTHER
REPORT--

OH MY
GOD--
NESS!

THAT'S
IT! I
QUIT!

MOMMA
ALWAYS SAID I
SHOULD BE A
DANCER AND NOT
A SECRETARY!

APPARENTLY NOT, FOR THE NEXT MOMENT THE MUMMIFIED MARAUDER LUNGES FORWARD, PUSHING A DAZED SPIDEY BROADSIDE INTO THE WALL...



STAND BACK, GIRLS-- THAT WALKING
BANDAID'S NOT GONNA HURT YA,

BUT WE'RE WORRIED
ABOUT YOU!

SEE THANKS, YOU
REALLY KNOW HOW
TO MAKE A GUY
FEEL WANTED!



NOW IF YOU
CHARTER
MEMBERS
OF THE SPIDEY
FAN-CLUB WILL
PLEASE STEP
ASIDE--



I GOTTA SEE
A CERTAIN
DOCTOR
ABOUT A
CHARISMA
TRANS-
PLANT!

GONE? WHO-
EVER HE IS,
HE PUTS
BRUCE
JENNER TO
SHAME!



NOT THAT I'M
EXACTLY YOUR 90
POUND WEAKLING
MYSELF!

THERE HE GOES-- HE SHOULDN'T BE
TOO DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW--



--AFTER ALL, I'VE
BEEN EATING MY
WHEATIES, TOO!

TAG! YOU'RE IT,
BUNKY!

FOOP!

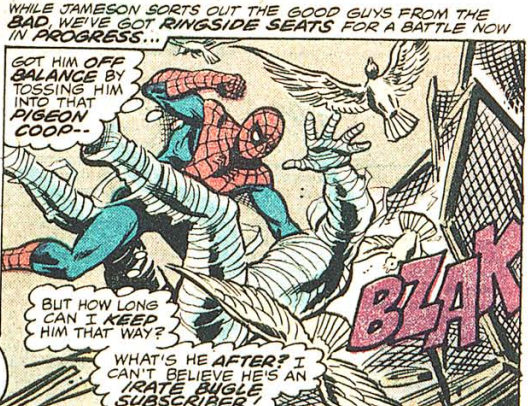
UP AN' AT 'EM,
FANCY-PANTS!



THAT WEB-HEADED WEASEL'S
GETTING HIM! MAYBE THEY CAN
KNOCK OFF EACH OTHER!

BUT IF SPIDER-
MAN LOSTS,
THEN THAT
CHARACTER
WILL COME
BACK FOR
ME!

BUT IF HE
WINS, THEN
EVERYONE
WILL KNOW HE
SAVED ME!



WHILE JAMESON SORTS OUT THE GOOD GUYS FROM THE BAD, WE'VE GOT RINGSIDE SEATS FOR A BATTLE NOW IN PROGRESS...

GOT HIM OFF
BALANCE BY
TOSSEING HIM
INTO THAT
PIGEON
COOP--

BUT HOW LONG
CAN I KEEP
HIM THAT WAY?

WHAT'S HE AFTER? I
CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S AN
IRATE BUGLE
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BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Okay, here it is. For once I remembered what I promised to write about last issue! Here's where you get a serious opinion as to the real difference in editorial approach between our competitors and Marvel. There have been more letters asking me to discuss this subject than any other (and I'd hate to find out that they're all from the competit' 'cause they wanna know how we do it!).

Basically, it seems to me that we write about people while they write about things. We're concerned with the psychological problems and urges that motivate our characters, while the other company prefers to dwell on what happened, how did it happen, and how do we catch the bad guy? Perhaps another way of saying it is, we write for the older reader, for those who are interested in true-to-life dialogue, in absorbing sub-plots and secondary story lines; and in provocative, imaginative themes to boggle the mind. We like to flavor our yarns with satire, with offbeat philosophical concepts, and with controversial subjects. On the other hand, our competitors' mags are aimed at a younger market, which is the reason their stories are generally simpler and more basic in approach.

Now then, I don't mean to sound smug and self-satisfied. I've been telling you the type of stories we aim for, but I'm not claiming a bullseye each time around. As all true believers know, we've certainly come up with our own share of clinkers, of stories that could have been and should have been better. But when we manage to get our act together, we sure come up with some winners!

And now I'll turn you loose while I start to research next month's column. As previously promised, I'm gonna give you the top-secret, lowdown on the monumental mystery behind Honest, Irving Forbush! Is he man or myth? Is he talent or turkey? Is he bigger than a breadbox? All this and more shall be fearlessly revealed when we meet again next issue! Till then, remember—
audentes fortuna juvat!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! It was one of those days—a desperately late SPIDER-WOMAN cover was lost, the start machine was broken, the water pipes were frozen (in August, yet!), and the paychecks were late. In fact, things were so bad that editor ROGER (Stern) STERN was seen standing on the 6th story window ledge, reading his last will and testament aloud. Just after he had bequeathed away his INCREDIBLE HULK t-shirt to assistant editor Masterful MARK GRUENWALD, the news came that once again, Mighty MARVEL COMICS had captured the lion's share of the prestigious EAGLE AWARDS, British fandom's highest honor. Among the winners were X-MEN, for best team and favorite

dramatic series; SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN, for favorite Black-and-White magazine; HOWARD THE DUCK, for favorite humor series; JOHN CARTER, WARLORD OF MARS, for favorite new series; AVENGERS ANNUAL #7, "The Final Threat", for favorite single-issue story; and (oddly enough) that same story, and its sequel in MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE ANNUAL #2, "Death Watch", for favorite continued story. Also honored were Timorous TERRY AUSTIN, as favorite inker; Thanos, as favorite villain; Pip the Troll, as favorite supporting character; and The Silver Surfer, as character most worthy of his own feature. That delightful news perked up just about everyone around the office, especially Roger Stern, proud editor of both JOHN CARTER and X-MEN. Good ol' Rog stepped down off the window sill and headed for his desk, happy as a clam! Mark was somewhat disappointed, however, at not getting his promised t-shirt, but we'll all chip in and buy him one—if the paychecks ever come!

ITEM! A quick welcome actually, for newly arrived ace colorist CARL (The Gaff) GAF-FORD and soon-to-be renowned inker Able AL GORDONI! Check out their accomplishments in MARVEL PREMIERE #46, featuring Man-Wolf, and SPIDER-WOMAN #11, featuring the villainy of Brother Grimm, and then give us the verdict—should we keep these guys, or feed them to the alligators?



ITEM! A couple of years back a trio of talented gentlemen named Doug Moench, Paul Gulacy, and Dan Adkins combined their skills to bring the MASTER OF KUNG FU series to a breathtaking pinnacle of achievement in comics art. When, finally, circumstances separated this award-winning team, it seemed that things would never be quite right with Shang-Chi again. For a while, each succeeding issue brought new problems, artist and inker changes, natural disasters, plagues of locusts, and all the accompanying schedule ills which disturb the delicate balance of yin and yang necessary to produce Timeless Masterpieces. Undaunted, however, mighty Marvel pressed on; and, at long last recruited Miraculous MIKE ZECK, penciler, and Brash BRUCE PATTERSON, inker, to join Devil-May-Care DOUG MOENCH, writer, as regulars on MOKF. As each new issue rolls in from these talented and dedicated gentlemen, the feeling grows among those of us at 575 Madison that we are witnessing the evolution of a series destined to rival—nay,

surpass the classics of yesteryear. We could try to describe the way Mike's dynamic-yet-subtle penciling is complemented perfectly by Bruce's clean, bold, striking inking, or how well the sheer lyrical power of the art blends with both Doug's oft-acclaimed scripting and Shang-Chi's unique personality, but we won't. Instead, we simply defy Marvel-dom Assembled to read issue #73 of MOKF, now on sale, which chronicles Shang-Chi's return to dreaded Mordillo's Island! You'll see!

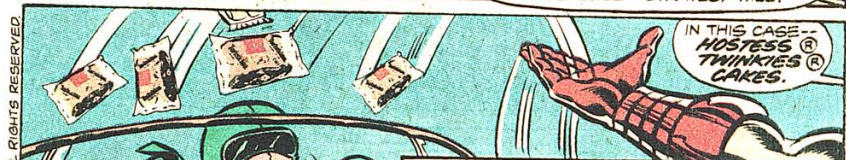
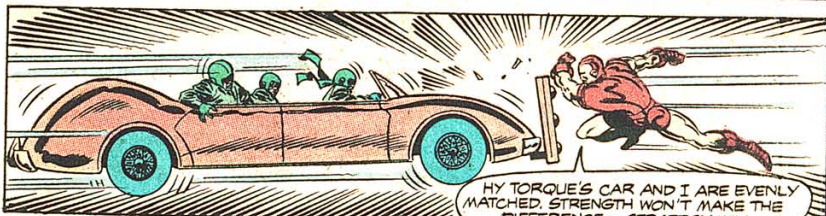
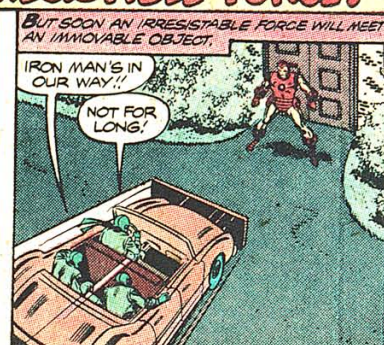
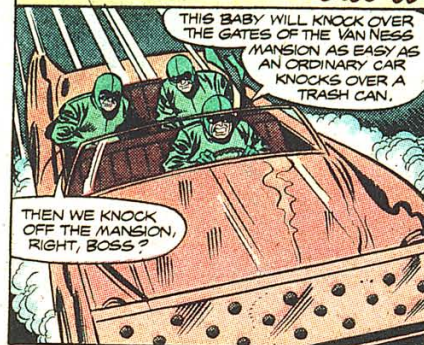
ITEM! Gigantic Editor-in-Chief JIM SHOOTER answered the phone the other day, and who should be on the line but JOHN BELUSHI, star of stage, screen and NBC's comedy hit, SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE! Ever calm under pressure, Jim smoothly said, "Hey, John, you're fine. How am I?" But Jaunty John understood anyway, and proceeded to congratulate the Marvel crew for our creative efforts on MARVEL TEAM-UP #74, which featured Mr. Belushi and the other wild and crazy members of the Not-Ready-For-Prime-Time Players (shame on you if you missed it!). Later, John stopped by the hallowed halls to meet all the awe-struck armadillos, especially Chris Claremont, Bob Hall, Dave Cockrum, and Marie Severin, who crafted the issue in question; and to invite us to the Opening Night party for his new movie, Animal House. It was an honor, a pleasure, and a night to remember for us Bullpeners. By the way, be sure to see the flick, it's the cat's pajamas!

ITEM! So many great things are happening we can't begin to cover them all, but pay attention and we'll try to zip through some of them quickly. First, be sure to catch S-E-C-TACULAR SPIDER-MAN #27 which shows cases the penciling of one of the most rapidly rising stars this industry has ever seen, namely FRANK MILLER. Lanky Frank's portrayal of the web-dlinger's characteristic spider-like movement as he traverses the rooftops is sure to become a standard for spider-artists. And wait! You see what he does with a certain Fearless guest-star! After that, check out MS. MARVEL #22 and get in on the ground floor of what promises to be a super series of issues drawn by Meticulous MIKE VOSBURG. And, you'd be well advised to seek out current issues of both THE HULK and CAPTAIN AMERICA, between the pages of which rage the most memorable crossover of recent history. And as if that weren't enough, HOWARD THE DUCK is alive and well, and don't let anyone tell you different. Get down to your newsstand now, and you won't miss out! Okay? Okay!

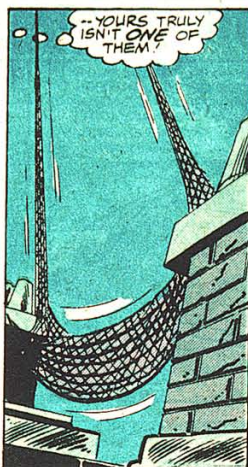


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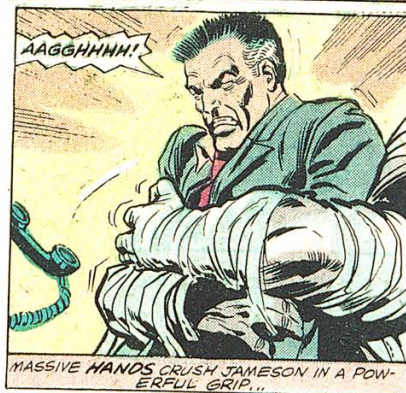
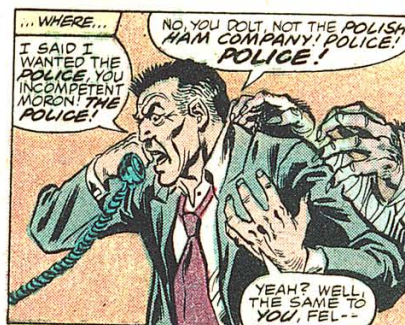
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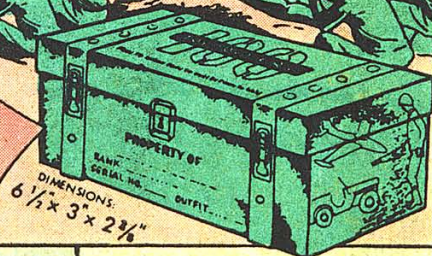
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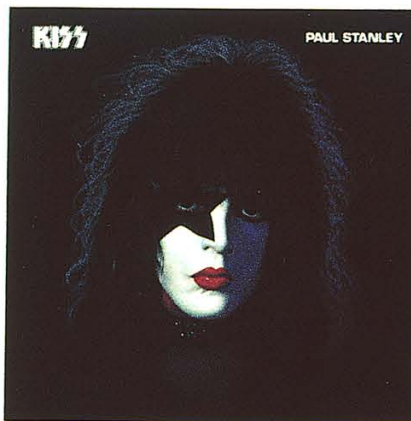
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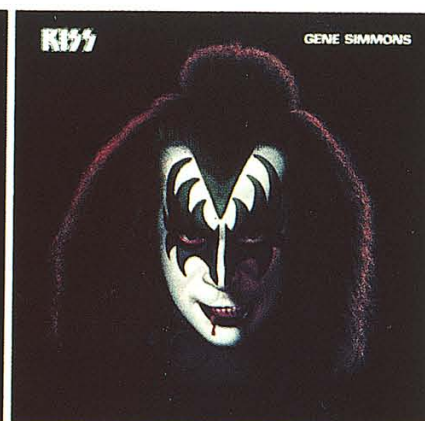
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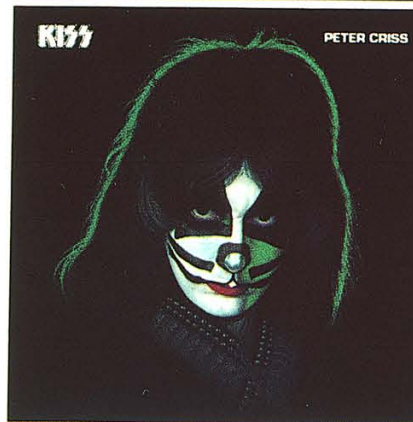
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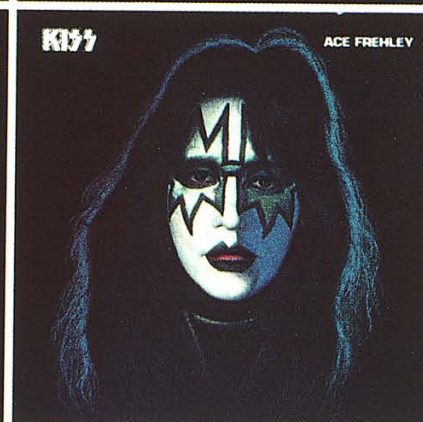
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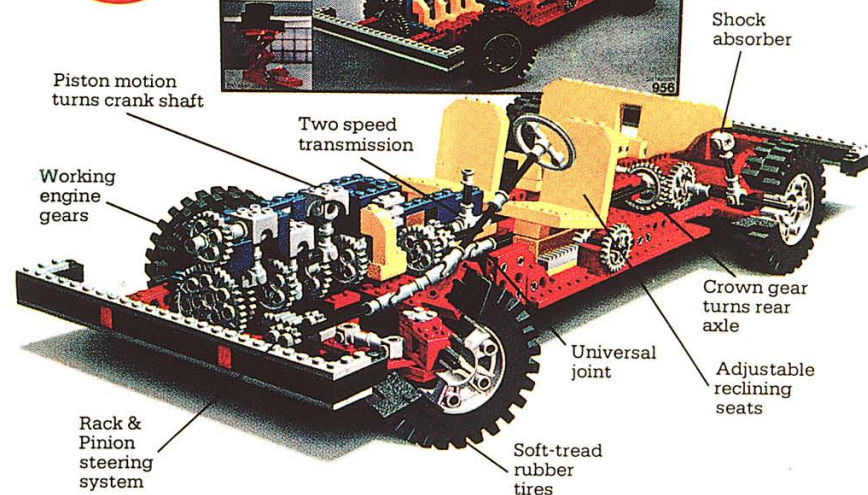
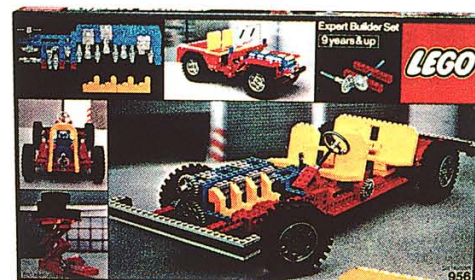


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